

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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CLEANLINESS OF TRACKS BY PRIVATE COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways propose to handover the cleanliness of the tracks at Delhi's three stations to private companies;
- (b) if so, the reasons and details of the same;
- (c) whether the Railways is also planning to outsource some other works to private companies;
- (d) if so, the details in this regard alongwith the reasons for the same;
- (e) whether the Railways is also planning to handover some other stations of the country for cleanliness to private companies; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

- (a) & (b): Contracts for mechanised cleaning of platforms and other passenger usage areas including tracks have been awarded for Hazrat Nizamuddin, Delhi and New Delhi railway stations. The contractor is to supply machines, which are to be operated by the railway safaiwalas.
- (c) & (d): There is no policy as such to outsource the railway activities unless justified on various factors.
- (e) & (f): The contracts for cleanliness are awarded by the Zonal Railways at various railway stations based on the need at a particular location, feasibility, availability of service provider etc., and it is a continuous process.